

APPENDIX B
COUPON MANUFACTURING DOCUMENTATION

COUPON S1A



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Date: 12/02/00

Job Order Number: 14552

Customer: GENERAL ATOMICS

Part Number: S1A REV: *A* *bm* DEC 02 2000
B

Description: COUPON

Quantity: 22

Purchase Order Number: H030105

Customer Supplied Material? NO

CERTIFICATION OF CONFORMANCE

NORTHWEST MACHINING & MFG., INC., DOES HEREBY CERTIFY THAT PARTS MANUFACTURED UNDER THE ABOVE NOTED PURCHASE ORDER WERE PRODUCED AS STIPULATED BY THAT PURCHASE ORDER.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT TEST REPORTS VERIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH DESIGN STANDARDS, MATERIAL CONTROLS, & INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS NOTED ON THE PURCHASE ORDER, ARE ON FILE AND AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

SIGNED:

Sid Harmon
SID HARMON / (QCM)

COUPON A1A



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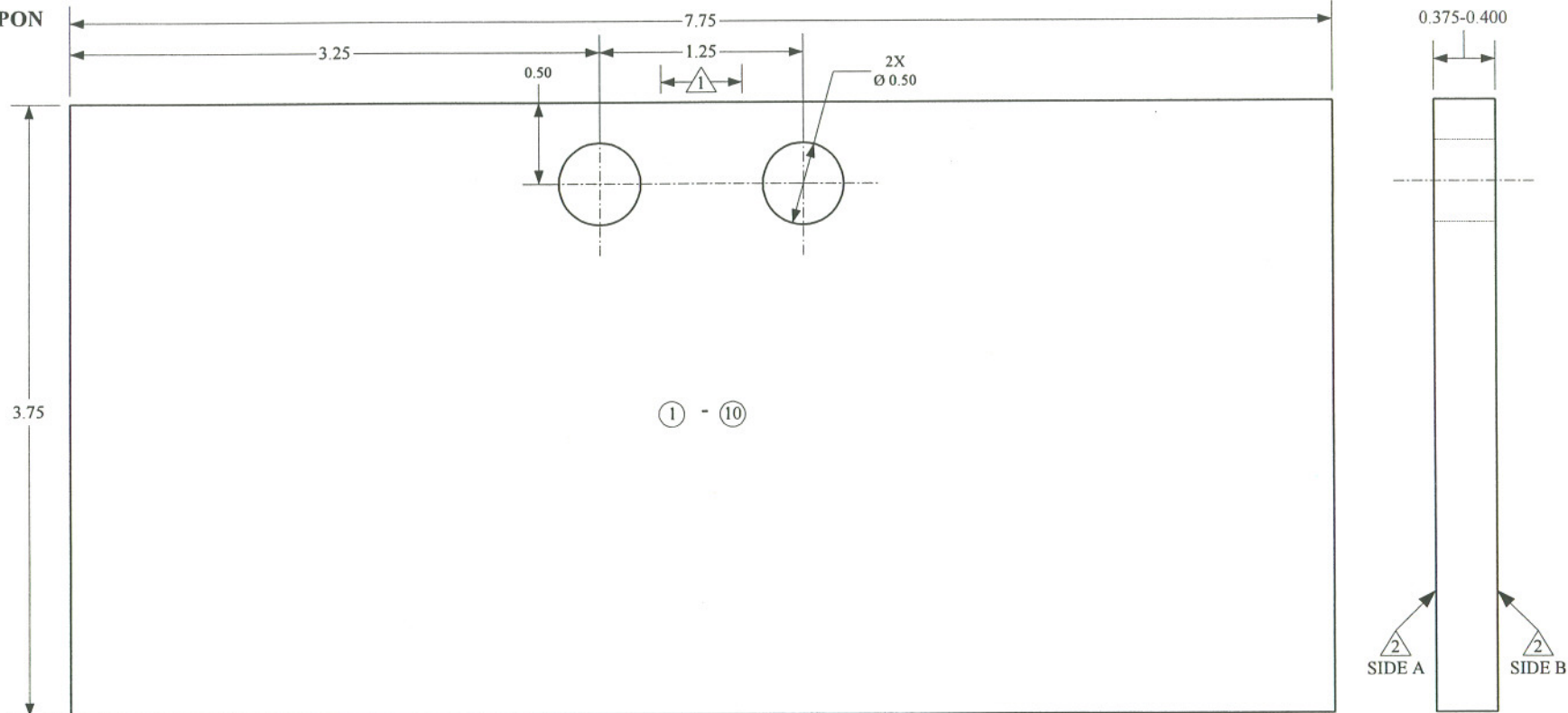
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COUPON



NOTES

- 1 SERIALIZE THE COUPONS A1A-01 TO A1A-22 ON TOP EDGE AT NOTED LOCATION USING 0.25 IMPRESSION STAMP, 0.004-0.008 DEEP
 - 2 $0.025 \sqrt{\frac{125}{64}} M$
 - 3 BREAK ALL SHARP EDGES 0.005-0.015
 - 4 FLUORESCENT PENETRANT INSPECT PER ASTM E1417
 - 5 FOR COUPONS WITH EVEN SERIAL NUMBERS: PERFORM CONDUCTIVITY TESTS PER MIL-STD-1537
 - 6 FOR COUPONS WITH EVEN SERIAL NUMBERS: PERFORM SURFACE ROUGHNESS MEASUREMENT PER ASME B46.1
- (1) - (10) MARK SIDE A WITH DATA MATRIX™ SYMBOLS

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	MATERIAL 7075-T7351 PER AMS 4078 (0.5 INCH PLATE)	DATE 10/18/00	SHEET 1 OF 1	SCALE NOT TO SCALE		CHECKED FRANK ZUECH

DPM EVALUATION

APPENDIX C
COUPON DPM PROCESS DOCUMENTATION

Aging Landing Gear Life Extension Program
M-E-39035-112-10000-19

MEMORANDUM

To: Don Roxby, RVSI
From: John Coates, MGB
Date: March 7, 2003
Subject: Statement of Work for RVSI CI Acuity Matrix, Symbology Research Center
Marking Coupons for DPM Evaluation for the NCMS Retrograde Parts Identification Project

Background

Under the ALGLE Program, testing will be conducted for OO-ALC/LGHLEN to evaluate the survivability of marks applied with direct part marking (DPM) processes for normal aircraft landing gear part overhaul conditions (NALGPOC). The marking for the testing will be conducted under the NCMS Retrograde Parts Identification Project. Based on results from previous testing, laser engraving, dot peening, and micro milling were selected for further testing. The further testing is to evaluate mark improvements. Specifically the mark cells must have radii to reduce stress concentration and tapered sides to reduce clogging.

Mark and Deliver

1. Mark Optimization*
 - 1.1 Determine the optimum process controls for each marking process that provides a mark with no material property degradation and overhaul process survivability. Determine the optimum process controls for each marking process by producing marks using different process controls on coupons S1A-01 to S1A-04 and coupons A1A-01 to A1A-04.
 - 1.2 Use the optimum process controls for each marking process to mark the remaining coupons.
 2. Steel Coupons*
 - 2.1 Mark and deliver coupons S1A-17 to S1A-20 in accordance with drawing S1A REV D requirements.
 - 2.2 Mark and deliver coupons S2A-07 to S2A-10 in accordance with drawing S2A REV D requirements.
 3. Aluminum Coupons*
 - 3.1 Mark and deliver coupons A1A-17 to A1A-20 in accordance with drawing A1A REV D requirements.
 - 3.2 Mark and deliver coupons A2A-07 to A2A-10 in accordance with drawing A2A REV D requirements.
- * For each marking process, provide appropriate mark masking to ensure that the marking process does not interfere or damage previously applied marks.
- * RVSI will not mark the coupons with VibroPeen or Steel Stamp.

Documentation

1. Provide documentation for the marking processes. (2 Page Maximum)
 - 1.1 Documentation of the optimum process controls for each marking process.
 - 1.2 Mark verification for each mark.
 - 1.3 Explanations of any anomalies.

Handling and Packaging

1. Coat coupons in light oil between the marking processes and before delivery to prevent corrosion.

Schedule

1. Delivery by March 31, 2003

Contacts

MGB: Engineering
RVSI: Research and Development

Mr. John Coates
Mr. Don Roxby

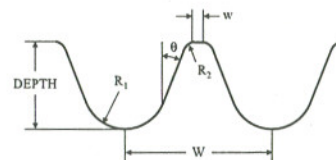
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TABLE III: MARK REQUIREMENTS

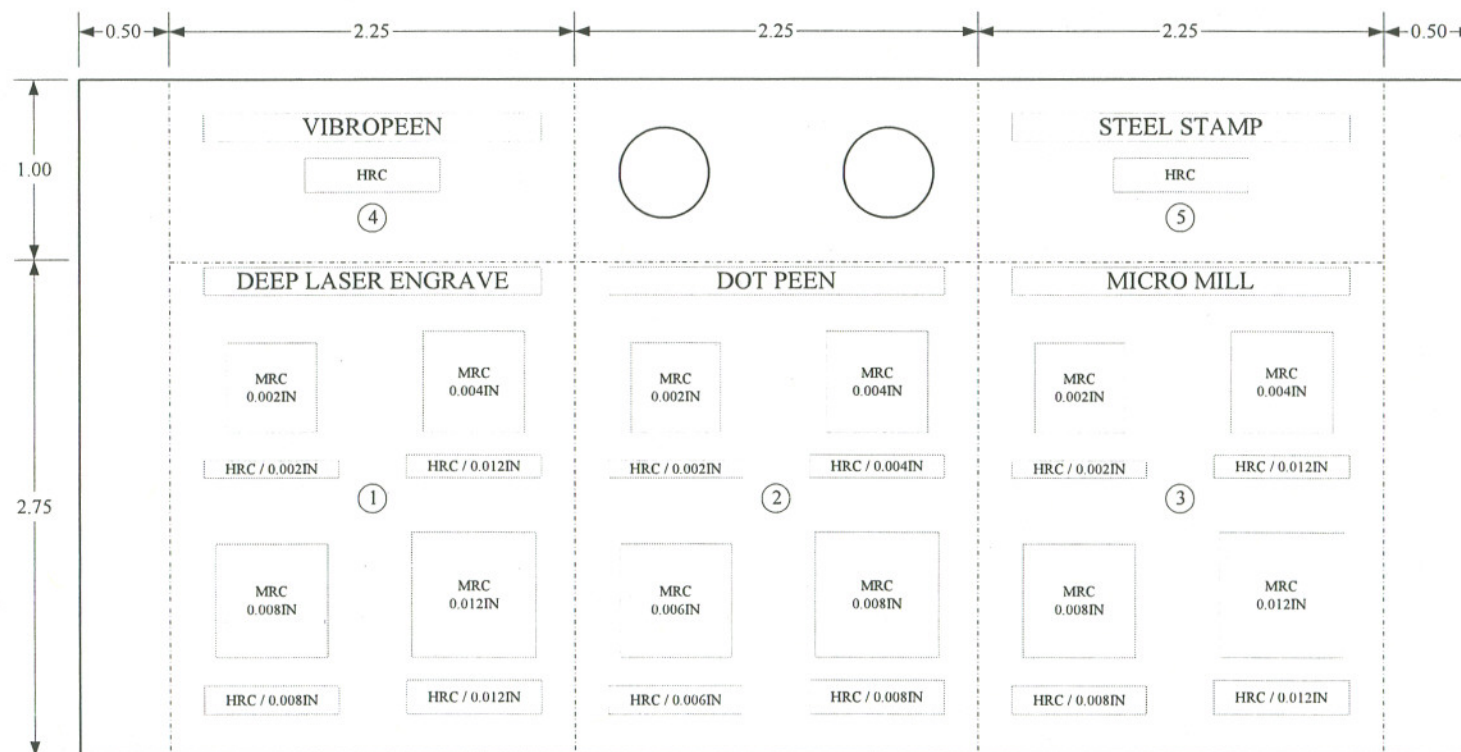
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- ③ MICRO MILL MARKS IN DETAIL III PER NASA-HDBK-6003 (P027)
- ④ VIBROPEEN MARKS IN DETAIL III PER OO-ALC/MANPP PROCEDURE
- ⑤ IMPRESSION STAMP MARKS IN DETAIL III PER OO-ALC/MANPP PROCEDURE
- ⑥-⑩ NOT APPLICABLE

DETAIL III: NOTES AND CELL DETAIL

- III.1 LINES AND BOXES INDICATE LOCATIONS FOR MARKS
- III.2 MRC / MACHINE READABLE CODE: 22 X 22 DATA MATRIX / DEPTH INDICATED IN BOXES
- III.3 HRC / HUMAN READABLE CODE: 10 NUMBERS / DEPTH INDICATED IN BOXES
EACH HRC SHALL BE A DIFFERENT RANDOM NUMBER
- III.4 MRC AND HRC CELLS SHALL INCLUDE RADII AND TAPERS AS SHOWN



DETAIL III: FIGURE




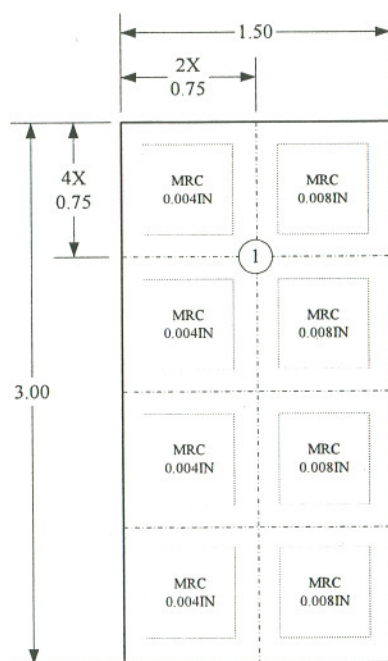
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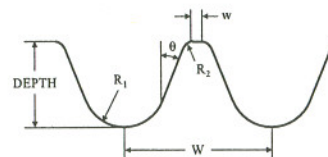
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 III.3 MRC CELLS SHALL INCLUDE RADII AND TAPERS AS SHOWN




ALGLE PROGRAM 	TITLE COUPON	DRAWING NUMBER S2A	REVISION D	DIMENSIONS ALL DIMENSIONS IN INCHES	TOLERANCES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED $X.X = \pm 0.1$ $X.XX = \pm 0.05$ $ANGLES = \pm 0.5^\circ$	DRAWN JOHN COATES
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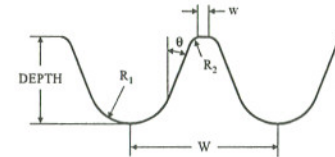
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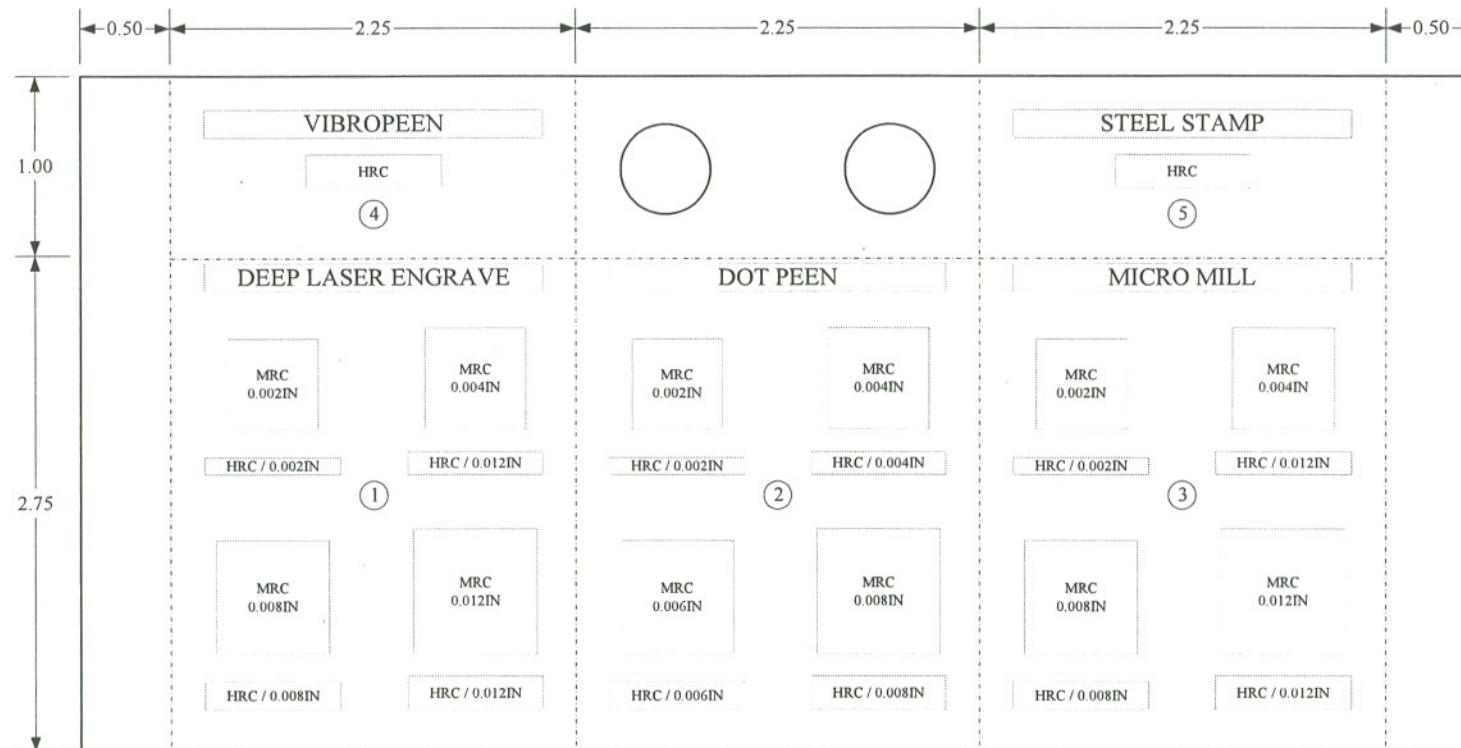
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MATERIAL 7075-T7351
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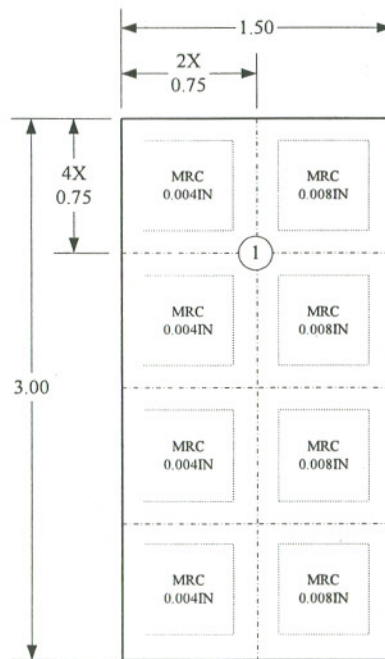
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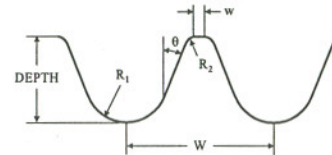
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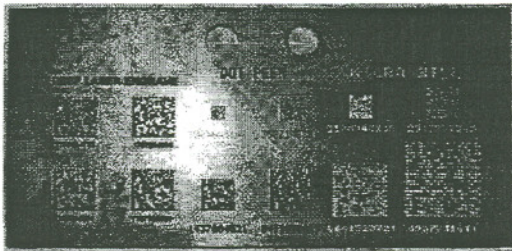
July 3, 2003

In reply refer to: SRC Letter #03-017
Job #03-029

John Coates
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Mr. Coates,

Enclosed are four steel and four aluminum test coupons marked with direct part marking processes for the Aging Landing Gear Life Extension Program per M-E-39035-112-10000-19. Deep laser engraved, dot peen, and machine engraved marks were applied to the coupons in accordance with drawings S1A REV D and A1A REV D. All the marks were applied to the specified depths, including the dot peen marks on steel (with specified depths of 0.002, 0.004, 0.006, and 0.008 inches). Pictures of the coupons are shown below.



Steel Test Coupon



Aluminum Test Coupon

Also enclosed are six sets of data sheets that correspond to the three marking processes applied to the steel and aluminum test coupons. These data sheets include the process controls for each marking process as well as the verification data for each mark.

Please call me should you have any questions or need additional clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Matthew J. Chatham".

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Why use RVSI verification?

- ONLY RVSI provides true "diagnostic" verification that is essential to diagnosis and correction of marking problems!
- ONLY RVSI provides a verification program that is IAQG (International Aerospace Quality Group) compliant:
 - Specifically addresses marking methods like dot peening
 - Requires new criteria to ensure:
 - Consistent readability
 - Moderate effect on marked material
 - Accuracy of cell placement
 - Mark depth consistency
- ONLY RVSI verification is specifically developed for, utilized by, and fully approved by Rolls Royce
- ONLY RVSI has proven experience integrating verification into various types of marking machines to control the quality of the mark.
- ONLY RVSI has verification that can be used to improve the mark quality in a closed loop process:
 - ONLY RVSI provides verification that measures center off-set:
 - Verification of center off-set measures the accuracy of cell placement - how much the marking machine is varying between marks as a result of marking machine wear-down
 - ONLY RVSI provides verification that measures print growth on entire Data Matrix symbol:
 - As opposed to competitive verification systems that only verify the print growth on a few cells on the border of the Data Matrix, RVSI's verification system verifies the print growth on the entire Data Matrix symbol. This provides a significantly more accurate verification as you are able to identify cell variations throughout the entire code that would be missed by all other verification systems. RVSI's verification solution measures the cells that hold the data, not just the finder pattern.
 - ONLY RVSI provides cell modulation:
 - Cell modulation is the variation in quality of the cells within the Data Matrix code. If the marking equipment is not marking consistently, (even if the quality differs between just one cell within the symbol), RVSI verification can identify it with ease. The verification of cell modulation enables you to catch problems within the symbol cells when they are diminishing in quality and provides a means of catching potential larger code problems (i.e. when the entire cell disappears) prior to the use of error correction.
 - This feature will soon be incorporated in a new ISO standard (ISO/IEC 15415). RVSI is the verification industry leader and will be compliant with this new standard.
 - ONLY RVSI provides cell size off-set:
 - Cell size off-set is the measurement of consistency in size from one cell to another. This feature ensures the marking system creates consistent symbols and enables us to identify mark quality errors before they become costly.

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DATA SHEET

Job No.: 03-029

Engineer: M. Chatham

Report No.: SRC-DP-087

Date: June 30, 2003

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Part 1. PART DESCRIPTION

Part Type: Test Coupons	Basic Shape: Flat
Surface Coatings/Texture: Profiled	Overall Dimensions (mm): 7.75 x 3.75 x 0.375

Part 2. MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

Material Family: Steel	Material Type: 4340 per AMS 6415
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Part 3. EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION

Manufacturer: Sic Marking	Equipment Type: Dot Peen Marker
Model Number: C-151ZA	Serial Number: 23566
Software Revision: e6-4a04	

Part 4. MARKING PARAMETERS

Stylus Dia (mm): 4	Marking Speed: 0			
Tip Angle: 120°				
Depth of Mark (in):	0.002	0.004	0.006	0.008
Force Level:	4	6	9	7 (2 passes)
Stylus to Part Gap:	1	3	6	8 (2 passes)
Marking Time (seconds):	18	27	34	88

Part 5. SYMBOL PARAMETERS

Symbol Type: Data Matrix	Number of Characters: 10			
Rows x Columns: 22 x 22	ECC Level: 200			
Type: Square	Style: Normal			
Depth of Mark (in):	0.002	0.004	0.006	0.008
Symbol Size (in):	0.20	0.33	0.47	0.60
Cell Size (in):	0.009	0.015	0.021	0.027

Part 6. READER PARAMETERS

Processor: DMx Auto ID	Camera: RVSI CM4000			
Camera Gain: ½ turn CW	Gamma: 1.0, MGC, FRM			
Lens Type: Tamron 701178	Lens Size: 1:2.8, 50mm, Ø25.5			
Software Version no.: 1.5.0.20	Trigger Method: Manual			
Field Mode (Low Density): No	Frame Mode (High Density): Yes			
Depth (in):	0.002	0.004	0.006	0.008
Aperture Setting:	12	16	22	22
Extension Tube (mm):	30	20	10	10
Focus Setting:	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.0

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Camera to Target Distance (mm):	126	160	225	253
Symbol Size (Pixels):	353 x 357	388 x 385	369 x 366	401 x 400

Part 7. LIGHTING PARAMETERS										
Light manufacturer: NER					Light type: DF-150-3 (Ring Illuminator)					
Light P/N: 010-602302					Light Color: Red					
Lighting Angle: Parallel to part surface					Filter Type: None					
Depth of Mark (in):		0.002	0.004	0.006	0.008					
Lighting Distance (mm):		49	36	23	30					

Part 8. DECODING RESULTS											
		Nominal Cell Size	Center Offset	Size Offset	Cell Modulation	Border Match	Contrast	Axial Uniformity	Print Growth (X)	Print Growth (Y)	Error Correction
S1A-17											
3284645196	0.002	16.3	1.6	1.6	40	100	54	0	0	-0.03	0
3577148088	0.004	17.5	0.2	0.0	53	100	50	0	0.11	0.12	0
1437884521	0.006	**Dot Peen equipment malfunction: Not a valid mark**									
0412058609	0.008	18.1	0.2	0.3	71	100	45	0	0.11	0.09	0
S1A-18											
3121360435	0.002	16.3	4.0	7.3	55	100	45	0	-0.11	-0.15	0
1385908572	0.004	17.7	11.8	10.7	55	99	52	0	0	-0.08	0
4346733799	0.006	16.6	0.0	0.8	60	100	45	0	0.12	0.10	0
2734164898	0.008	18.2	4.0	3.4	67	100	52	0	0.06	0.08	0
S1A-19											
2344801832	0.002	16.2	7.8	9.5	43	90	46	0	-0.10	-0.27	1
3803098618	0.004	17.6	8.5	9.9	60	100	49	0	0.02	-0.09	0
1171132250	0.006	16.7	3.0	3.3	48	100	46	0	0.09	0.05	0
6994100179	0.008	18.2	0.3	1.7	77	100	51	0	0.11	0.03	0
S1A-20											
3109726188	0.002	16.2	1.2	0.8	54	100	54	0	-0.04	-0.10	0
0444048107	0.004	17.6	2.8	4.6	44	100	54	0	0.08	0.04	0
9684179898	0.006	16.6	0.2	0.0	65	100	44	0	0.12	0.09	0
0613743092	0.008	18.2	0.2	0.2	72	100	50	0	0.13	0.08	0

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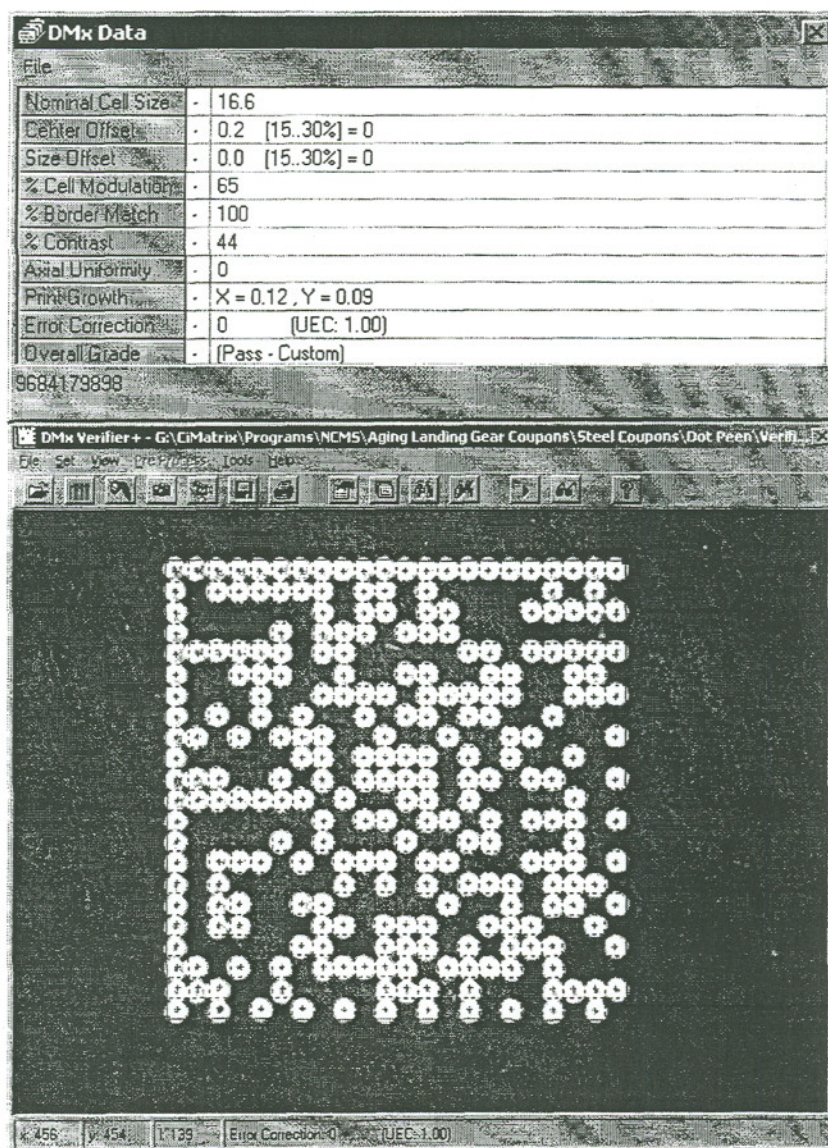
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Part 9. Symbol Quality Verification

The following image is a screen shot of the RVSI Data Matrix Verifier. This software tool is used to 'grade' the quality of a mark and unlike the standard "AIM Verification" available from other reader companies (which is designed to read paper labels), it provides feedback related to the direct marking of parts on any material. Please see the attached document that explains RVSI Verification more thoroughly.



Appendix A

Direct Part Mark Verification for Data Matrix Codes

The AIM symbology specification calls out the Data Matrix verification methodology as the measure of: Symbol Contrast; Print Growth; Axial Non-uniformity; and, Unused Error Correction. A final grade of the mark quality will be the lowest grade given in the previously cited categories. The AIM method follows what was done for Bar Code Verification many years ago and has validity where Matrix Codes are applied to labels (essentially we are measuring the label printer quality).

With directly marked parts, this AIM method misses several key measures and will almost always report a final score based on the Symbol Contrast score, which with most direct marks will be very low and meaningless as it is not something we can control (peening a metallic surface seldom adds any contrast). If a company relies exclusively on AIM parameters they will likely fail completely readable marks and accept some marks that will later prove to be unreadable.

To compensate for this shortcoming RVSI developed and offers a custom verification grading method where all the AIM parameters can be chosen (or not, as in the case of Symbol Contrast) as well as many more measurements that are useful for identifying problems common to specific marking methods. This enhanced level of analysis provides what we call *diagnostic verification*: information that can be used to consistently improve the marks *as they are made*.

With Ink Jet, Dot Peen and Laser marks (the 3 most often used methods for marking Data Matrix on parts) the two most important aspects to measure are the "normalized" Center Offset and Size Offset values. These measures are made of all the ON cells (those actually marked, vs. the spaces left unmarked) within the borders of the code. The scores are "normalized" because with a Data Matrix code if all cells are shifted the same amount, or are smaller or larger by the same amount, we really don't have to fix anything—most readers will deal with that "scale" change and no marker maintenance is necessary. However, if we have a difference in cell position within the code we have an indication that service is needed (i.e. clogged ink jet nozzles, plugged air pressure filters, worn bushings). The same is true of Size Offset, typically all ON cells of a matrix would be the same size, and a variation in size could indicate, for example, pressure problems on a pin stamp marker and power management or mask problems on a laser.

The addition of these mark analysis parameters, available only on RVSI's verification products, provides effective diagnostics of marking problems. In fact, a number of the leading marking companies are incorporating this technology into their products to guarantee their customer remarkable reliability and consistency in creating good data matrix marks, highlighting service requirements, and identifying corrective actions required to ensure marking excellence. [Note also that RVSI has also developed the only verifier customized to the unique parameters employer by the Aerospace Industry's IAQG in its ATA 2000 Specification.]

RVSI has attacked the identification of parts for traceability and process control as a system problem that requires a system solution. The right marking methods must first be chosen (the SRC has validated over 50 methods of marking parts); the use of Verification after marking to confirm the mark quality is a must (provided the proper measurements are made); application engineering to accommodate the environmental conditions encountered at the read stations, both fixed and hand held, must be taken into consideration (and they should both use the same algorithmic approach to minimize integration); and finally the communication of the data must support the factory environment and traceability needs of the user.

We refer to this system approach as the MVRCsm Methodology (Mark, Verify, Read, and Communicate). It is only available from RVSI.

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Part Type: Test Coupons	Basic Shape: Flat
Surface Coatings/Texture: Profiled	Overall Dimensions (mm): 7.75 x 3.75 x 0.375

Part 2. MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

Material Family: Steel	Material Type: 4340 per AMS 6415
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Part 3. EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION

Marking Company: Virtek Laser Systems, Inc.

Marking Engineer: Andrew Money

Part 4. MARKING PARAMETERS

Marking Speed: 150 mm/sec		Frequency: 8000 Hz		
Laser Power: 28 amps				
Depth of Mark (in):	0.002	0.004	0.008	0.012
Marking Time (seconds):	84	150	366	582

Part 5. SYMBOL PARAMETERS

Symbol Type: Data Matrix	Number of Characters: 10
Rows x Columns: 22 x 22	ECC Level: 200
Type: Square	Style: Normal
Symbol Size (in): 0.65	Cell Size (in): 0.030

Part 6. READER PARAMETERS

Processor: DMx Auto ID	Camera: RVSI CM4000
Camera Gain: ½ turn CW	Gamma: 1.0, MGC, FRM
Lens Type: Tamron 701178	Lens Size: 1:2.8, 50mm, Ø25.5
Software Version no.: 1.5.0.20	Trigger Method: Manual
Field Mode (Low Density): No	Frame Mode (High Density): Yes
Aperture Setting: 8	Extension Tube (mm): 10
Focus Setting: 3.0	Camera to Target Distance (mm): 279
Symbol Size (Pixels): 358 x 358	

Part 7. LIGHTING PARAMETERS

Light manufacturer: NER	Light type: DOAL-75-LED
Light P/N: 010-200500	Light Color: Red
Lighting Angle: Parallel to part surface	Filter Type: None
Lighting Distance (mm): 42	

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Part 8. DECODING RESULTS

		Nominal Cell Size	Center Offset	Size Offset	Cell Modulation	Border Match	Contrast	Axial Uniformity	Print Growth (X)	Print Growth (Y)	Error Correction
S1A-17											
1767924793	0.002	16.3	1.5	0.0	76	100	67	0	0.05	0	5
1767924805	0.004	16.3	0.0	0.0	74	100	76	0	0.03	0.02	0
1767924834	0.008	16.3	0.0	0.0	79	100	77	0	0.03	0.02	0
1767924851	0.012	16.3	0.0	0.0	72	100	79	0	0.05	0.06	0
S1A-18											
1112312379	0.002	16.3	2.3	3.4	84	100	65	0	0.02	-0.03	0
1112312382	0.004	16.3	2.4	1.6	77	100	66	0	0.03	-0.02	0
1112312411	0.008	16.3	0.0	0.0	73	100	69	0	0.04	0.03	0
1112312428	0.012	16.3	0.0	0.0	75	100	70	0	0.04	0.05	0
S1A-19											
1767924712	0.002	16.3	1.2	3.3	83	100	65	0	-0.08	-0.02	0
1767924724	0.004	16.4	2.3	2.6	79	99	68	0.02	0.05	-0.02	0
1767924753	0.008	16.4	0.0	0.0	77	100	70	0	0.05	0.02	3
1767924770	0.012	16.4	0.0	0.0	77	100	71	0	0	0.03	0
S1A-20											
1298412311	0.002	16.3	1.5	4.2	80	100	62	0	-0.03	-0.05	0
1298412314	0.004	16.2	1.0	2.6	75	99	67	0	0.03	-0.04	0
1298412343	0.008	16.3	0.0	0.0	75	100	71	0	0.02	0	0
1298412343	0.012	16.3	0.0	0.0	79	100	74	0	0.05	0.05	0

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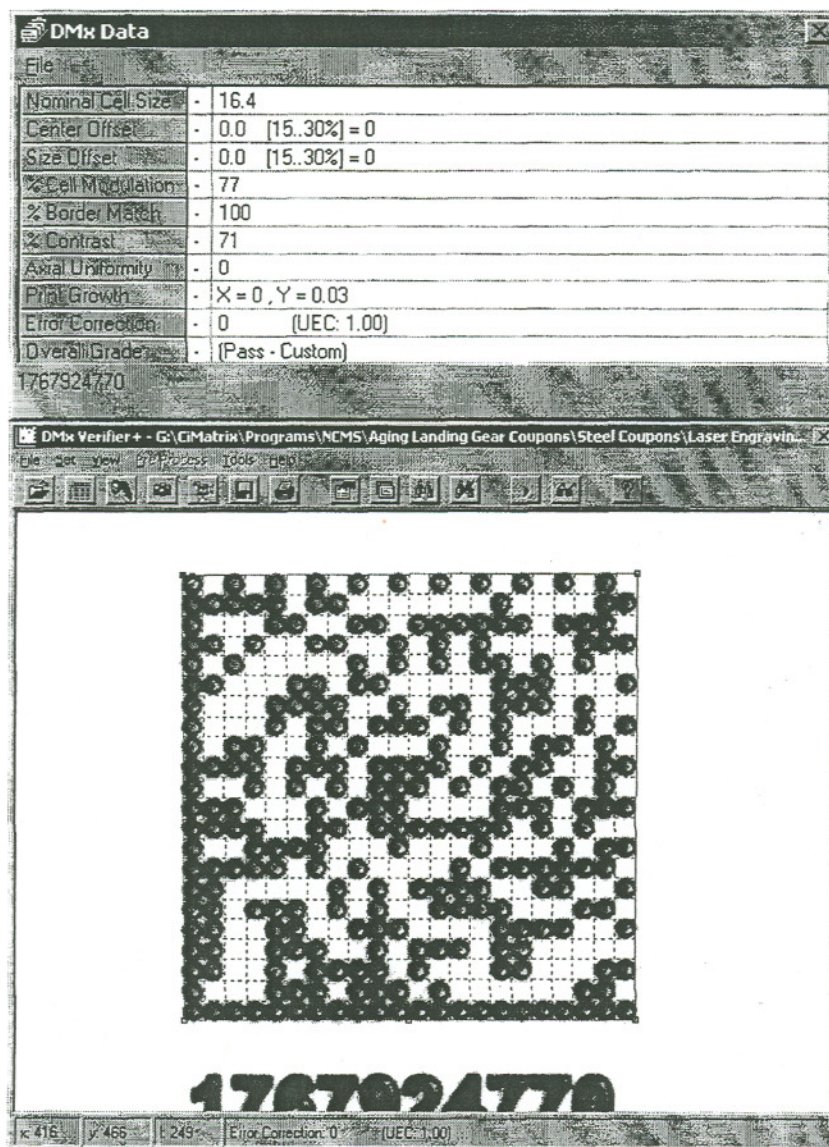
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Appendix A

Direct Part Mark Verification for Data Matrix Codes

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With directly marked parts, this AIM method misses several key measures and will almost always report a final score based on the Symbol Contrast score, which with most direct marks will be very low and meaningless as it is not something we can control (peening a metallic surface seldom adds any contrast). If a company relies exclusively on AIM parameters they will likely fail completely readable marks and accept some marks that will later prove to be unreadable.

To compensate for this shortcoming RVSI developed and offers a custom verification grading method where all the AIM parameters can be chosen (or not, as in the case of Symbol Contrast) as well as many more measurements that are useful for identifying problems common to specific marking methods. This enhanced level of analysis provides what we call *diagnostic verification*: information that can be used to consistently improve the marks *as they are made*.

With Ink Jet, Dot Peen and Laser marks (the 3 most often used methods for marking Data Matrix on parts) the two most important aspects to measure are the "normalized" Center Offset and Size Offset values. These measures are made of all the ON cells (those actually marked. vs. the spaces left unmarked) within the borders of the code. The scores are "normalized" because with a Data Matrix code if all cells are shifted the same amount, or are smaller or larger by the same amount, we really don't have to fix anything—most readers will deal with that "scale" change and no marker maintenance is necessary. However, if we have a difference in cell position within the code we have an indication that service is needed (i.e. clogged ink jet nozzles, plugged air pressure filters, worn bushings). The same is true of Size Offset, typically all ON cells of a matrix would be the same size, and a variation in size could indicate, for example, pressure problems on a pin stamp marker and power management or mask problems on a laser.

The addition of these mark analysis parameters, available only on RVSI's verification products, provides effective diagnostics of marking problems. In fact, a number of the leading marking companies are incorporating this technology into their products to guarantee their customer remarkable reliability and consistency in creating good data matrix marks, highlighting service requirements, and identifying corrective actions required to ensure marking excellence. [Note also that RVSI has also developed the only verifier customized to the unique parameters employer by the Aerospace Industry's IAQG in its ATA 2000 Specification.]

RVSI has attacked the identification of parts for traceability and process control as a system problem that requires a system solution. The right marking methods must first be chosen (the SRC has validated over 50 methods of marking parts); the use of Verification after marking to confirm the mark quality is a must (provided the proper measurements are made); application engineering to accommodate the environmental conditions encountered at the read stations, both fixed and hand held, must be taken into consideration (and they should both use the same algorithmic approach to minimize integration); and finally the communication of the data must support the factory environment and traceability needs of the user.

We refer to this system approach as the MVRCsm Methodology (Mark, Verify, Read, and Communicate). It is only available from RVSI.

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Part 1. PART DESCRIPTION				
Part Type: Test Coupons		Basic Shape: Flat		
Surface Coatings/Texture: Profiled		Overall Dimensions (mm): 7.75 x 3.75 x 0.375		
Part 2. MATERIAL DESCRIPTION				
Material Family: Steel		Material Type: 4340 per AMS 6415		
Part 3. EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION				
Manufacturer: Servo Products Co.		Equipment Type: CNC Milling Machine		
Model Number: Impact 2		Serial Number: I-01430CBS		
Software Revision: 5.02(94)				
Part 4. MARKING PARAMETERS				
Drill Bit Material: Cobalt		Marking Time (Seconds): 30 minutes		
Drill Bit Dia (in): 1/16		Tip Angle: 135°		
Feed Rate (ipm): 0.60		Speed (RPM): 1500		
Part 5. SYMBOL PARAMETERS				
Symbol Type: Data Matrix		Number of Characters: 10		
Rows x Columns: 22 x 22		ECC Level: 200		
Type: Square		Style: Normal		
Depth of Mark (in):	0.002	0.004	0.008	0.012
Symbol Size (in):	0.3432	0.4884	0.8316	1.1770
Cell Size (in):	0.0156	0.0222	0.0378	0.0535
Part 6. READER PARAMETERS				
Processor: DMx Auto ID		Camera: RVSI CM4000		
Camera Gain: ½ turn CW		Gamma: 1.0, MGC, FRM		
Lens Type: Tamron 701178		Lens Size: 1:2.8, 50mm, Ø25.5		
Software Version no.: 1.5.0.20		Trigger Method: Manual		
Field Mode (Low Density): No		Frame Mode (High Density): Yes		
Depth (in):	0.002	0.004	0.008	0.012
Aperture Setting:	6	8	16	16
Extension Tube (mm):	20	15	5	5
Focus Setting:	1.0	∞	0.7	2.2
Camera to Target Distance (mm):	160	205	330	450
Symbol Size (Pixels):	407 x 402	388 x 387	392 x 386	379 x 379

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Part 7. LIGHTING PARAMETERS

Light manufacturer:	NER	Light type:	DF-150-3 (Ring Illuminator)		
Light P/N:	010-602302	Light Color:	Red		
Lighting Angle:	Parallel to part surface	Filter Type:	None		
Depth of Mark (in):	0.002	0.004	0.008	0.012	
Lighting Distance (mm):	94	76	57	62	

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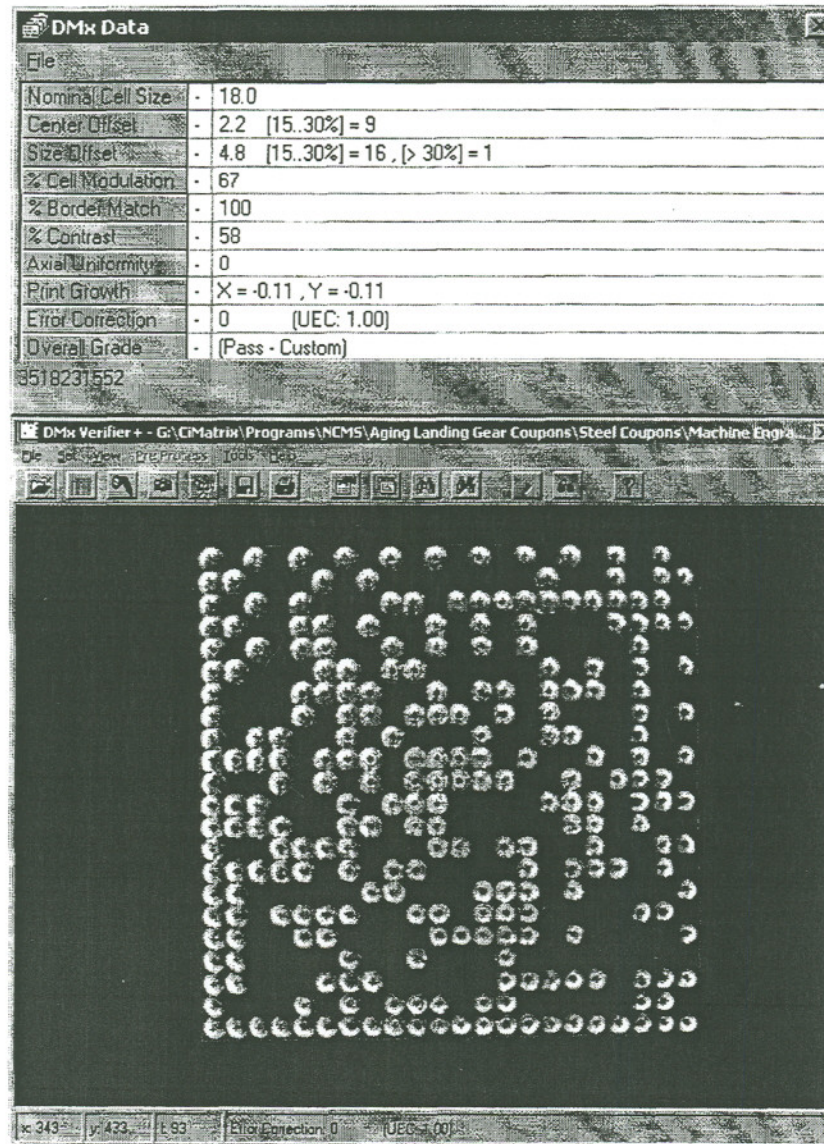
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3178940236	0.002	18.4	0.4	1.5	12	99	32	0	0.22	0.22	3
2937231265	0.004	17.8	0.9	2.9	63	100	33	0	0.04	0.11	0
8661523721	0.008	17.8	6.2	9.3	46	100	58	0	-0.11	-0.06	1
6937731644	0.012	17.4	1.7	1.6	70	100	60	0	-0.05	0	0
S1A-18											
0321447293	0.002	16.4	2.0	4.6	38	89	74	0	0.12	0.12	2
7472580000	0.004	18.6	2.5	6.6	58	100	40	0	0.11	0.18	4
4238403351	0.008	17.9	3.2	3.5	66	100	56	0	-0.15	-0.11	0
7320244897	0.012	17.3	6.6	7.6	51	99	60	0	-0.16	0	0
S1A-19											
3604629434	0.002	17.9	1.7	6.9	43	100	68	0	-0.35	-0.36	1
7083951874	0.004	17.6	0.2	0.0	48	100	41	0	0	0.04	0
4056101281	0.008	17.9	1.2	2.2	82	100	62	0	-0.17	-0.11	0
9047138054	0.012	17.5	1.6	2.6	75	100	62	0	-0.16	-0.12	0
S1A-20											
0449567964	0.002	17.9	4.3	6.6	35	87	66	0	0.11	0.19	2
4665343274	0.004	17.7	4.4	6.4	50	100	42	0	0	0	0
3518231552	0.008	18.0	2.2	4.8	67	100	58	0	-0.11	-0.11	0
7575746356	0.012	17.5	2.8	5.2	65	100	59	0	-0.19	-0.12	0

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